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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM MADRID SEPT 15:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY

1. SPANISH SECURITY FORCES INFORMED OSI, 16TH AIR FORCE, AT ABOUT 12:45 THAT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MADRID WAS TAKEN OVER BY FOUR ARMED MEN AT 11:35 LOCAL THIS MORNING AND ARE HOLDING EGYPTIAN CHARGE, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, PRESS ATTACHE, AND ONE OTHER EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL HOSTAGE. FOUR ARMED MEN SUSPECTED OF AFFILIATION WITH PLO HAVE DEMANDED THAT THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA BE WITHDRAWN AND THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT MADE RADIO BROADCAST PUBLICLY DENOUNCING AGREEMENTS RECENTLY DRAWN UP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. ARMED MEN HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL DEAL ONLY WITH SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAVE DEMANDED THAT SPANISH WITHDRAW SECURITY PERSONNEL FROM AROUND EMBASSY. SPANISH HAVE TOLD OSI SOURCE THAT THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH LATTER DEMAND. EMBASSY NOW CHECKING FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION ON ABOVE REPORT.

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2. SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY AT 1300 CONFIRMS SOME OF THE

ABOVE DATA, BUT STATES THAT STUDENTE' TAKE-OVER WAS MADE BY ARAB STUDENTS IN SPAIN, LARGELY SYRIANS AND PALESTINIANS. SAUDI ARABIAN ATTACHE DOUBTS HOSTAGES IN ANY PHYSICAL DANGER; SAYS STUDENTS (NOT MEMBERS OF RADICAL TERRORIST GROUP) HAVE ALSO TAKEN OVER ISLAMIC CENTER IN MADRID AND ARE ASKING CORRESPONDENTS AND ALL AMBASSADORS TO SPAIN FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO COME TO ISLAMIC CENTER TO HEAR STUDENTS' DEMANDS.

3. EMBASSY HAS ASKED SPANISH SECURITY FORCES FOR INCREASED COVERAGE. EATON UNQUOTE SISCO

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